CAPSULE SUMMARY
Strider Wildlife Management Area
MIHP # M:19-39
Germantown
Montgomery County, Maryland
WMA=1949
Public

Strider Wildlife Management Area (WMA) encompasses approximately 230 acres administered by the Wildlife and Heritage Service located in western Montgomery County, Maryland. The management objectives focus on wildlife enhancement activities and low intensity wildlife-related recreation. The Old Joseph A. Taney Farm (Strider Log Meathouse [MIHP # M:19-22]) documented in 1974 is no longer extant. Three buildings constructed prior to 1960 are located on the property. No recorded archeological sites were identified in the archeological site files on this property.

Strider WMA does not possess those qualities of significance and integrity necessary for consideration applying National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.4[a-d]) and the criteria for the Maryland Register of Historic Properties (Maryland Annotated Code 83B, Title 5). The landscape of Strider WMA currently is a hardwood forest, which has returned to its natural state over the last 50 years. Reforestation has minimized the signature of historical agricultural patterns, as well as the more recent wildlife food plots established during the 1950s. The property does not contain a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development. The buildings constructed at Strider WMA since 1950 are functional in design and are not examples of distinguished architectural design associated with the work of modern masters.

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1. Name of	Property	(indicate prefer	red name)	
historic	Strider Wil	dlife Management Area		
other	N/A			
2. Location				
street and number	Clopper Ro	oad		not for publication
city, town	Germantov	vn		X vicinity
county	Montgome	ry		
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and ma	ailing addresses of all o	owners)
name	Maryland I	Department of Natural R	esources	
street and number	580 Taylor	Avenue, E-3		telephone (410) 260-8451
city, town	Annapolis		state M	D zip code 21401
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Condition

_ excellent

deteriorated

X good

ruins

fair

altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Strider Wildlife Management Area (WMA) straddles Clopper Road in the western section of Montgomery County, Maryland. The 230-acre WMA comprises an upland area located between two streams, Gunners Branch and Great Seneca Creek. The acreage is primarily wooded with mature hardwood forest. Open areas are the electric transmission and pipeline corridors and a field located northwest of the corridors. The WMA contains a complex of five buildings located on the south side of Clopper Road on the site of the Joseph A. Taney Farm. Three buildings were constructed during the 1950s; the remaining two buildings were added to the complex during the 1960s. All buildings were constructed by the Department of Game and Inland Fish, currently named the Wildlife and Heritage Service of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MdDNR). The buildings supported wildlife management activities that were conducted on the property and throughout Maryland Region II comprising Montgomery, Frederick, and Howard counties.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Strider WMA contains five buildings that were built after the State of Maryland acquired the property in 1949. The buildings include: a 1950 house, a 1950 shed, a 1954 maintenance garage, a 1967 equipment shed, and a 1968 pump house. All standing buildings were constructed by MdDNR to support wildlife management activities on the property and throughout Region II.

The Old Joseph A. Taney Farm (Strider Log Meathouse [MIHP # M:19-22]), was documented in 1974 as located within the WMA boundaries. The former farmstead had burned many years ago according to the 1974 MIHP documentation. In 1974, the meathouse was the only extant built resource. The log structure measured 10 ft. by 12 ft. The meathouse stood until the late 1990s, when it was removed (Tawney personal communication 10 April 2003).

The Refuge Caretaker's House (DMI #005), constructed in 1950 (Board of Natural Resources 1950:66), is a one-story, four-bay by two-bay building that faces north. The wood-frame house has a small, one-story, one-bay addition appended to the east elevation. Each section of the building rests on a concrete block foundation. The exterior cladding is modern vinyl siding. The gable roof is sheathed in modern asphalt shingles. The windows are modern one-over-one-light, vinyl-clad units. The main entry contains a wood door sheltered by a front gable roof supported by square columns. The house is in good condition.

The implement shed, constructed in 1950 (Board of Natural Resources 1950:66), is a one-story, one-bay building. The wood-frame shed rests on a concrete-block foundation. The exterior cladding is asbestos shingles. The front-facing gable roof features exposed rafters and is sheathed in corrugated metal. The central entrance features a four-panel, wood door. The shed is in fair condition. The concrete-block foundation is chipped and cracked. The asbestos siding is broken and the roof is rusted.

The maintenance garage (DMI #006), constructed in 1954, is a concrete-block, one-story, three-bay building facing north. The building rests on a concrete slab. The flat roof is sheathed with modern asphalt roll roofing. The windows are six-light, metal-sash units with concrete slip sills. The building features a flush, exterior, concrete-block chimney on the east elevation. The main entry contains two, single-car garage openings in the center and western bays. A pedestrian entrance in the east bay contains a four-light, two-panel wood door. The building is in fair condition. Mortar joints in the concrete block foundation are cracked. Water splash back has caused some moisture damage at the bottom of the walls and the window sashes have rusted.

The equipment shed (DMI #007), constructed in 1967, is a concrete-block, one-story building facing north. The building has four open bays and rests on a concrete slab. The shed roof is sheathed with corrugated metal. The building is in fair condition. The concrete slab has shifted.

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The pump house (DMI #008), constructed in 1968, is a concrete-block, one-story, one-bay building resting on a stone floor. The shed roof is sheathed in corrugated metal. The entry features a wood door. The building is in fair condition.

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	SITENO (or DMI #)	MHT Name	DNR/Other Names	County	Quad	Address	Town	Property Category	Property Sub- Category	Property ID	Date of Resource	Condition	Resource Count		Notes
M: 19-22		Joseph A. Taney Farm (Strider Log Meathouse)		Montgomery	Germantown	Clopper Road (MD 117)	Germantown	Domestic	Secondary Structure	meathouse	19th c	Demo'd	Site-1		
	006		Strider Maintenance Garage	Montgomery	Germantown	Clopper Road (MD 117)	Germantown	Recreation/ Culture	Support Structure	garage	1954	Fair	Building-1		
	005		Refuge Caretaker's House	Montgomery	Germantown	Clopper Road (MD 117)	Germantown	Domestic	Single Dwelling	shed	1950	Good	Building-1		
	008		Pump House	Montgomery	Germantown	Clopper Road (MD 117)	Germantown	Domestic	Secondary Structure	pump house	1968	Fair	Building-1		
	007		Strider Equipment Shed	Montgomery	Germantown	Clopper Road (MD 117)	Germantown	Recreation/ Culture	Support Structure	shed	1967	Fair	Building-1		
	d. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		Strider Implement Shed	Montgomery	Germantown	Clopper Road (MD 117)	Germantown	Domestic	Secondary Structure	shed	1950	Fair	Building-1	3	

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Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Strider Wildlife Management Area (WMA) encompasses approximately 230 acres located in western Montgomery County, Maryland. WMAs are administered by the Wildlife and Heritage Service, a department separate from the State Forest and Park Service, which administers Maryland state parks. The Wildlife and Heritage Service management objectives focus on wildlife enhancement activities and low intensity wildlife-related recreation, such as hunting, fishing, and wildlife observation. Generally, intensive development of WMAs is restricted. No public recreation or support buildings or structures, paved trails, or planned picnic areas are constructed within WMAs. Strider WMA was acquired in 1949. The Game and Inland Fish Commission accepted the property as a conservation area. The five buildings currently located on the property were constructed by the State of Maryland.

The purpose of this Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) form is to evaluate the Strider WMA as a potential historic district and to assess each MdDNR-owned built resource constructed prior to 1960 applying the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and applicable Criterion Considerations (36 CFR 60.4 [a-d]) and the criteria for the Maryland Register of Historic Properties (Article 83B, Title 5 of the Annotated Code of Maryland). A reconnaissance survey of the five built resources located on the property occurred in February 2003. Three buildings were constructed prior to 1960. No recorded archeological sites were identified in the Maryland Historical Trust archeological site files on this property.

Strider WMA does not possess those qualities of significance and integrity necessary for consideration applying National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.4[a-d]) and the criteria for the Maryland Register of Historic Properties (Article 83B, Title 5 of the Annotated Code of Maryland). The landscape of Strider WMA currently is a hardwood forest, which has returned to its natural state over the last 50 years. Reforestation has minimized the signature of historical agricultural patterns, as well as the more recent wildlife food plots established during the 1950s. The property does not contain a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development. The buildings constructed at Strider WMA since 1950 are functional in nature and are not examples of distinguished architectural design associated with the work of modern masters.

RESOURCE HISTORY AND CONTEXT

In 1949, Emma T. Strider, a resident of Washington D.C., donated 240 acres of a 275-acre parcel of former agricultural land in western Montgomery County to the State of Maryland. The remaining 35 acres were donated to the Izaak Walton League of America, a private conservation and hunting organization. The State of Maryland accepted the property for use by the Department of Game and Inland Fish (Board of Natural Resources 1949:171-172). No built resources associated with the former agricultural

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use of the property remain extant.

As noted in the deed dated 2 February 1949, the 240-acre parcel was to be named the Emma T. Strider State Conservation Demonstration Area. The property was "to be used forever for the purposes of conservation of the soil, waters, woods and wild life" (Montgomery County Deed 1229:181). The property became a work center and demonstration area for woodland and wildlife management practices in Maryland Region II, comprising Montgomery, Frederick, and Howard counties.

Development of the Strider State Conservation Demonstration Area was made possible under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, known as the Pittman-Robertson Act (Public Law 415, 75th Congress) enacted in 1937. Under the Act, the federal government contributed 75% and the state contributed 25% to fund wildlife restoration projects and to support the natural perpetuation of wildlife resources (Conservation Department 1939; Board of Natural Resources 1948, 1949).

Work on Strider WMA began during 1950. In fiscal year 1950, a refuge caretaker's house and implement shed were completed for \$10,000 (Board of Natural Resources 1950:66). The house also served as an operating base for the Department of Game and Inland Fish personnel in Montgomery County (Board of Natural Resources 1950:47). A maintenance garage was added to the complex in 1954 (MdDNR DMI 2002).

During the 1950s, work was initiated to plant areas to enhance wildlife subsistence and habitat. When the property was transferred to the state, it contained agricultural land and some wooded areas. Wildlife management practices introduced by the Department of Game and Inland Fish included planting evergreen and nut bearing trees on the steep slopes and cultivating wildlife feed plots. Some acreage was planted in contour feed strips with hedges and field borders of perennial shrubs that enhanced wildlife habitat (Board of Natural Resources 1950:47, 65, 66-67; 1952:57). Forty acres of former farmland were divided into ten plots that were planted "to game mixture, millet, milo, Korean lespedeza, cowpeas, and soybeans. About twenty acres were sown in strips to soybeans, cowpeas, spring oats, and legumes" (Board of Natural Resources 1951:83). The crops were not harvested but left in the fields to provide food for wildlife during the winter. This pattern of wildlife enhancement plantings continued through 1972. A 1972 map of the Strider property indicated that the contour plantings were located south of the caretaker's house. The 40-acre field was located north of Clopper Road (Seneca Creek SP Acquisition Map 1972).

In 22 February 1973, the 240-acre Strider property was transferred from the Wildlife Administration (the successor organization to the Department of Game and Inland Fish) to Seneca Creek State Park. As part of an agreement between the Maryland State Forest and Park Service (Park Service) and the Wildlife Administration, management of the acreage was assumed by the Maryland Park Service. All of the buildings, with the exception of the small garage, continued to be used by the Wildlife Administration. The Park Service used the garage as an office for Seneca Creek State Park (Md DNR 1973). The Wildlife Administration maintained the buildings that they occupied, but no longer actively managed the property for wildlife habitat. The former food plots in the demonstration areas were allowed to overgrow and return to forest.

In 1984, after the new Seneca Creek State Park Headquarters and shop complex opened in a separate area of the park, 230 acres of the original 240-acre Strider property were returned to the Wildlife Administration. The property was renamed Strider Wildlife Management Area. The former caretaker's house at Strider WMA was used for employee housing.

The goal of the Wildlife Administration is "the enhancement of wildlife populations to meet the demand of wildlife oriented recreation and to ensure the continued survival of wildlife in the state" (MdDNR 1982). Since 1984, wildlife habitat management activities at Strider WMA have been minimal. The patterns of wildlife plantings noted on a 1972 map are no longer visible on recent aerial photographs of the property. No intensive land management for wildlife occurs at the Strider property today (Ken D'Loughy personal communication 2003). The agricultural fields established during the 1950s are overgrown and were allowed to

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reforest during the 1980s and 1990s. The agricultural field north of Clopper Road also became woodland. Open fields were maintained on the southern portion of the WMA to accommodate an archery range that was established after 1984; utility companies also maintain open power transmission corridors. Currently, the primary attractions of the Strider WMA are the archery range and opportunities for nature observation in the mixed hardwood forest and along the forest edges. No trails are managed on the property; hikers are allowed to use the power corridors.

EVALUATION

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Strider WMA was acquired by the State of Maryland in 1949 with the provision that the property become a wildlife demonstration area. Although the land was formerly agricultural, no built resources or land patterns associated with the former farm are located on the property. All built resources were constructed since 1949 by MdDNR. During the 1950s and 1960s, the property was actively managed to provide habitat and food for wildlife. After the property was transferred to Seneca Creek State Park in 1973, active planting and maintaining wildlife habitat activities ceased. Since 1973, the former demonstration fields were allowed to reforest. When the property was transferred to the Wildlife and Heritage Service in 1984, the intensive planting and habitat management practices implemented between 1950 and 1972 were not resumed. The acreage has been allowed to reforest and return to a natural state during the last fifty years.

This property is one of numerous properties managed by the Department of Game and Inland Fish and its subsequent organization, the Wildlife and Heritage Service, located throughout the State of Maryland. When the property was acquired in 1949, it was among 25,677 acres of state-owned lands managed by the Wildlife and Heritage Service. Of these acres, 5,217 acres, including the Strider property, were game refuges. Forty-six acres were fisheries and 202 acres were game farms. Public shooting lands encompassed 20,210 acres. In 2002, the Wildlife and Heritage Service managed over 100,600 acres of state-owned land, of which 2,793 acres were located in Montgomery County (MdDNR 2002).

While conservation is an area of significance in Maryland during the twentieth century, the properties managed by Wildlife and Heritage Service generally are managed to minimize the effects of man on the landscape. Current management practices adopted by the Wildlife and Heritage Service generally are restricted to plantings of annual crops and perennial shrubs to enhance wildlife food and habitat. These practices generally leave minimal imprint on the overall landscape and maintain the property as a natural environment. This was the case of land management practices used at Strider WMA during the 1950s and 1960s. Evidence of earlier patterns of use is no longer visible on the land.

Strider WMA is not an historic landscape that possesses those qualities necessary for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or the Maryland Register of Historic Properties. Strider WMA currently is a hardwood forest that, over the last fifty years, has been allowed to regrow naturally, with the effect of minimizing the presence of historical agricultural fields or wildlife plots dating from the 1950s. The property possesses no significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development. Documentation does not suggest that the Strider WMA was associated with significant events or patterns in the history of conservation in Maryland during the twentieth century. Strider

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WMA is not associated with an important personage under Criterion B. Emma T. Strider, the donor, has not been identified as a conservationist who actively managed the landscape for habitat preservation prior to its donation to the State of Maryland. The buildings constructed at the WMA do not possess significance under Criterion C for architecture. The buildings are functional in design and are not associated with the work of modern masters. Thus, the landscape and the buildings introduced at Strider WMA since 1949 do not possess the qualities of significance under the National Register Criteria for Evaluation or under Criterion Consideration G for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as an historic district.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 230.59

Acreage of historical setting 275.40

Quadrangle name

Gaithersburg

Quadrangle scale

1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries of the survey area comprises all property owned by the DNR within the legal boundaries of Strider Wildlife Management Area.

11. Form Prepared By

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D'Loughy, Kenneth

2003 □ Regional Manager, Central Division, Wildlife and Heritage Service. Personal communication, 28 April 2003.

Dwyer, Michael

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Gywnnbrook Wildlife Management Area

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Maryland Department of Natural Resources

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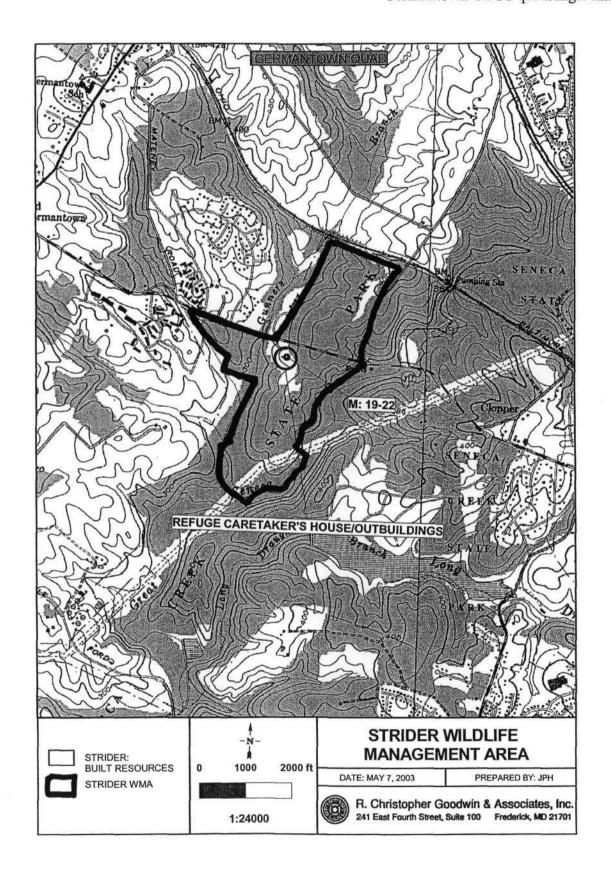
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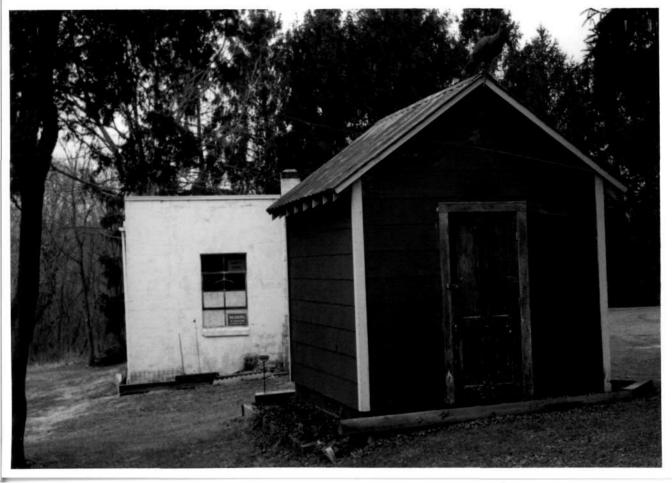
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Strider WHA

Montgomery Co HD

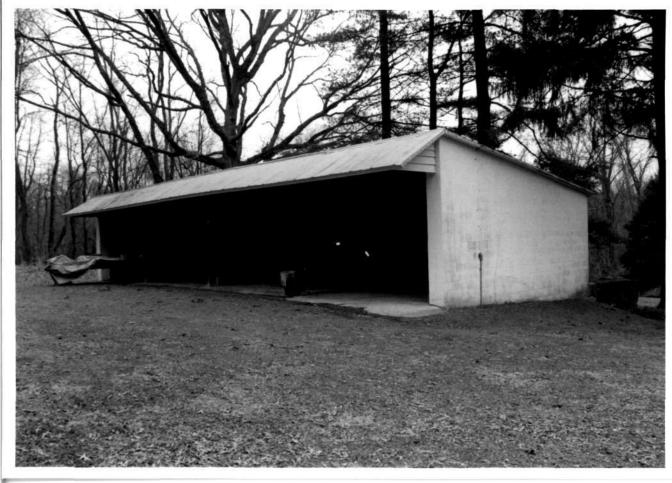
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